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EDITOR'S NOTE

This issue contains several articles of interest. We start with a review of the past year's criminal decisions from the United States Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of Canada. We are incredibly grateful to Berkeley Law Professor Chuck Weisselberg, who has been reviewing the United States Supreme Court's criminal cases for us for the past decade. This year, our Canadian columnist, Judge Wayne Gorman, has devoted his column in the issue to recent Canadian criminal decisions. The issue also includes several other articles, with topics ranging from how to reduce racial disparities in the criminal-justice system to how to cut ties on social media when ethically required to do so.

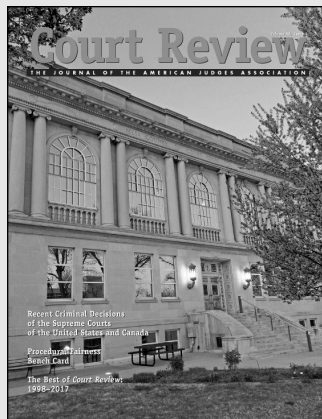
You'll find a very special item on the back cover of this issue—a Procedural Fairness Bench Card. The bench card project was initiated by the American Judges Association and joined in by the Center for Court Innovation, the National Center for State Courts, and the National Judicial College. For the *Court Review* version of the bench card, since we had to include your address on the back cover, there's some wasted space. At the AJA website (amjudges.org), you'll find a bench card with that space filled in with six suggested additional readings you can find on the web. As many of you know, promoting procedural fairness in court has been a major AJA initiative since 2007. We hope you'll find the bench card helpful.

This issue marks my last as editor, a task I took on in 1998. Working on *Court Review* has been one of the most rewarding parts of my career. I have gotten to recruit (as authors) and work with leading experts in so many fields of law and social science. I have made friends throughout the United States, Canada, and beyond. And I have learned so much that has enhanced my work as a judge.

There are too many people to thank in this note, but I do want to thank all the members of our Editorial Board and the authors who have contributed to this journal. Very special thanks to Alan Tomkins, who served as my coeditor from 2007 to 2014, and Eve Brank, who has served as my coeditor from 2015 to the present. Both of them served while also full-time professors of law and psychology, and they have been a great help in getting many of the top experts in that field to share their knowledge on these pages. My law clerks and staff have also been tremendously helpful, as have Chuck Campbell, who has served as our Managing Editor since 2000, and Mike Fairchild (m-designstudio.com), who has done our layout work since 1998.

My thanks to the American Judges Association for giving me this opportunity. And my appreciation to the four judges—Julie Kunce Field, Devin Odell, David Prince, and David Shakes—who join Eve Brank as the five-person editing team starting with the next issue.

In closing, I note that all *Court Review* issues from 1998 forward are available on the AJA website. I have gone through all of those issues to see which articles and book reviews still have the most value for judges today. That listing of *The Best of Court Review: 1998–2017* starts at page 178.—SL



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